

RFGA Conference Sponsorships

Contract Period: August 10, 2012 – July 31, 2013

The ADDPC has approved for funding the following:

Arizona Center for Disability Law; Award: \$10,000

Contractor will sponsor the Second Annual African-American Conference on Disabilities. The conference will provide outreach across the state to African-American individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and agency representatives. (Persons with developmental disabilities of other ethnicities will be able to attend). The conference will also feature 2 workshops for both college and high school students with developmental disabilities. The conference will be held in Phoenix, proposed for one day in March 2013, with 5 different workshops for participants to attend. Workshop topics include legal, education, health care, employment and community involvement. Community partners include ABIL, Sonoran and NAU/IHD UCEDDs, SILC, AZ DES/DDD, AZ Commission for the Hard of Hearing, AZ Governor's Council on Spinal/Head Injuries and Magellan Health Services. These partners will assist the ACDL with conference planning, developing and reviewing materials, and selecting conference speakers.

Dads 4 Special Kids; Award: \$10,000

Contractor will sponsor up to 15 mini workshops in Maricopa County that will guide, instruct and encourage individuals with developmental disabilities and their families and/or guardians, on how to develop their emergency and disaster preparedness plan. In addition, Contractor will incorporate discussion and strategies for participants to create a support network that will enable them to maintain their independence and learn techniques for working with their local first responders in emergency preparedness. Community partners include SILC, ABIL, Beyond One's View: Adult Day Program, AZ United: Habilitation, Respite and Advocacy, Power Paws: Training and Provider of Service Dogs, and United International Association of Firefighters Local 3878. These partners will assist Dads 4 Special Kids with conducting outreach, workshop planning and assisting in conducting the workshops, as well as providing in-kind support.

Native American Disability Law Center; Award: \$10,000

Contractor will sponsor the Steps to Success Special Education Conference in the Spring of 2013 in Tuba City, Arizona where participants from both Hopi and Navajo Nation can participate. The one day conference will educate Native American students with developmental disabilities, their parents and educators on their rights and responsibilities in the area of special education. Parents will learn how to advocate on behalf of their child, so that vital special education supports can be obtained. Educators and other service providers will learn their responsibilities under the law and the services and supports available to help students with a developmental disability. Community partners include NAU/IHD UCEDD, Navajo Nation Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, the Hopi Office of Special Needs, ASSIST! To Independence, AZ Technology Access Program, the Tuba City Unified School District, and Raising Special Kids. These partners will assist NADLC in conference planning, selecting speakers, conducting outreach and developing conference materials.

Southeast Arizona Area Health Education Center (SEAHEC); Award: \$10,000

Contractor will sponsor the third annual Border Conference on Disability in Nogales, Arizona, expected to be held in March 2013. The purpose of the Border Conference on Disability is to provide individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and service providers living along the Arizona-Sonoran Border with the information and training they need to increase their community participation and enhance their quality of life. Outreach to participants will be from Santa Cruz and Cochise counties and from the Tohono O'odham Nation. Workshops during the conference will focus on behavioral support, assistive technology, access to community resources and services and a panel of local individuals with disabilities and their families discussing the challenges and strengths of their communities along Arizona's southern border. Workshops will also be provided in Spanish. Community partners include Sonoran and NAU/IHD UCEDDs, ACDL, ADDPC, and DES/DDD. These partners will assist SEAHEC in conference planning, selecting speakers, and outreach to participants, developing conference materials and offering in-kind support.

Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center; Award: \$10,000

Contractor will sponsor a two-day conference, in Maricopa County by March 2013, that will address bullying, harassment, intimidation and victimization across the lifespan and in various contexts (at school, community, workplace, online, etc.), for persons with developmental disabilities and their families/caregivers. The conference is open to anyone working with individuals with all types of disabilities. A two-day conference is being proposed to break out the age group of the participants and the learning materials. Day one will be geared towards school age children and the second day will focus on teens and adults. Community partners include Best Buddies, Raising Special Kids, local schools and business that employ SARRC clients. These partners will be involved in the conference planning and in conducting outreach. SARRC plans to bring in national speakers to address the identified topics.

Southwest Institute for Families and Children; Award: \$10,000

Contractor will sponsor a self-advocacy conference for persons with developmental disabilities between the ages of 18-30 and their families and caregivers. The conference will be interactive and will focus on the rights and responsibilities as well as advocacy skills in the areas of healthcare and employment. The conference is planned for one day in Phoenix in May 2013. Contractor has identified ABIL as a community partner to assist with the planning of the conference.